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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references as discussed below.

The above listed present application is an RCE application No. 08/964,257, of which there were two previous continuations and the present RCE filing in addition to the original filing. There were also two divisional applications filed from the present application string, divisional application numbers 09/407,446 and 09/881,529. Applicant made a bonafied attempt to provide references to the U.S. Examiner as they became available for each and all of the aforementioned application files. Upon review of the files, applicant is unsure if all of the discovered references have been cited in each and all of the related applications.

Applicant presents below an IDS and PTO 1449 form containing references which applicant suspects may have not been cited for the present application (serial No. 09/407,446). Since applicant has made a bonafied attempt to properly disclose discovered references to the U.S. Examiner for the

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present application, applicant respectfully requests that the below listed references be reviewed by the Examiner for the present application. Should any IDS fee be required, it is requested that such fee be charged to our deposit account No. 13-0410. Favorable action is respectfully requested on the merits of this submission.

The following references have been ascertained from numerous sources including notices of allowance for associated U.S. applications, U.S. office actions, international search reports, foreign office actions etc. Should the Examiner wish more information relating to the pertinency of any reference, the Examiner is requested to contact applicants representative, who will try to ascertain additional information.

**U.S. 4,677,253** discloses an optical line scanning device for scanning images. This reference may have been incorrectly described in previous IDS documents.

**U.S. 5,274,477** discloses an electrophotographic facsimile apparatus with a pivoted upper structure containing an image recording head.

**U.S. 5,359,435** discloses a facsimile apparatus which can supply un-warped recording sheets.

**U.S. 5,579,129** discloses a reading and information processing apparatus with a pre-scan mode for reading a color reference member before an original is read.

**U.S. 5,710,634** discloses an output apparatus and method for reading and recording that determines whether a sheet set in a feeder position is a print sheet or an original document.

**U.S. 5,731,885** discloses a recording apparatus with an opening in the body of the apparatus accessing the conveyance path to allow the removal of a piece of paper which has stopped in the conveyance path.

U.S. 5,896,206 discloses a printer/scanner having a single paper path with pen door actuated pinch rollers.

U.S. 6,064,498 discloses an image forming apparatus with multiple trays for recording documents and printing documents.

EP0333173 (A2 - complete application/A3 - with European Search report) this reference relates to an image data transmission apparatus including a reading unit transmission main body with the image reading unit being detachably mounted on the apparatus main body.

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant,

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Enclosed: PTO-1449 Form

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.

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